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In re Application of :  
David Mack et al :  
Serial No.: 09/525,361 : WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT  
Filed: March 15, 2000 :  
Attorney Docket No.: 018501-009130 :

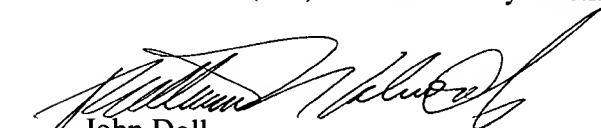
This is in response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed March 21, 2002 holding the above identified application abandoned.

A review of the file history shows that the Office mailed a letter to applicants on October 23, 2001, indicating the response of August 6, 2001, was non-responsive and setting a one month, extendable up to six months, period for reply. On March 21, 2002, prior to the six month expiration date, the Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment to applicants. Inasmuch as applicants filed a reply on May 1, 2002 (Certificate of Mailing dated April 22, 2002), accompanied by a five month extension of time request, the reply is considered timely. Therefor the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error and is hereby withdrawn with the mailing of this decision.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration.**

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact William R. Dixon, Jr. by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.

  
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